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Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Is it a fact that ponds are still there and that they breed any number of mosquitoes? Even the road-side ponds have not been filled up either by the Government or by the Panchayat.

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : May be, they have not been completely filled up. But once we fill up, it is also true, when rains come, they are again filled with water.

Failure of rains and crops

3-10 p.m.

* 122 Q.—Sri A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was failure of rains and crops in and around the areas in Tiruvalangadu;

(b) whether there is any proposal to declare that area as famine area and give all necessary help; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to bring that area into the Community Development Scheme?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The Government have permitted the Collector of Chingleput to implement the orders issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh with regard to the grant of certain concessions in this collection of land revenue and loans. The proposals for the grant of wet remission for wet lands and for the starting of Low Scale Famine Relief works are under consideration of the Government.

(c) Yes, Sir, in due course.

Degree Course in Indian Medicine

* 123 Q.—Dr. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have addressed the University of Madras to institute a degree course in Indian Medicine; and

(b) if so, the nature of the reply received?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Cement stockists

* 124 Q.—Vidwan T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether any communication has been received from the Government of India to abolish the system of licensing cement stockists; and

(b) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?